

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Rehabilitate Drug Store Exhibit

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Rehabilitate interior and exhibit in the 1856 Duchow building at Columbia State Historic Park to improve the interpretation of the historic drug store for visitors. The project includes the following tasks:

- Remove wood and glass wall that make up the public viewing area,
- Install a replica of an historic store counter designed and constructed based on old store photos. The counter will be between 28 inches and 34 inches high,
- Clean and repaint all drug store shelving and re-face shelving with glass to protect artifacts,
- Re-oil replacement wood floor,
- To improve interior lighting, install tree period ceiling lanterns, counter-mounted lanterns, and shelf lighting and wire for electricity.

Removal and installation of equipment will be made only to non-historic components of the interior of the building. The project will allow visitors to see objects and read labels easily without the glare of the glass wall.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 3, 31      Section: 15303, 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of installation of new equipment and facilities in small structures and consists of repair, preservation, and rehabilitation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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